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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 28th/June, through Sunday, 5th/July there were 205 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TN, TR, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2V, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

2015 IARU CONTEST

Just a reminder that the 2015 International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) HF World Championship is next weekend between July 11th at 1200 UTC and July 12th 1200 UTC. The

object of the contest is to contact other amateurs around the world, especially IARU officials and member-society HQ stations in as many ITU zones as possible. Look for activity on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters using CW and SSB. You will find detailed information at:

http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship
http://www.iaru.org/contests.html

ADDED NOTE: A list of HQ multipliers has been posted on the Web at:
https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/2651703/HQ2015.txt

3B8, MAURITIUS

Jean-Paul, HB9ARY, will once again be active from **Mauritius (AF-049)**, but this time as 3B8HC between July 9-25th. Activity will be on all HF bands, 80-6 meters, using mainly SSB, but with some slow CW. He has added a new antenna this time to the operation. Jean-Paul will use an Elevated Delta-Loop for 80-30 meters along with his folded HexBeam for 20/17/15/12/10/6 meters. QSL via NI5DX direct.

5B, CYPRUS

Tony, RT9T, is once again active as 5B4ALB until July 15th. QSL 5B4ALB only direct via RT9T.

5Z4, KENYA

Giuseppe, IK2YDJ, is now active as 5Z4/IK2YDJ from Rongo until July 20th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters. He was spotted early this past week on 15 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

A35, TONGA (Cancelled)

Tom, KC0W, was expected to be active from the Island of Tonga between January 15th and February 15th, 2016. However, activity was cancelled -- no reason given.

C5, THE GAMBIA

Pedro, ON7WP, will once again be active as C5WP from The Gambia between August 15th and September 1st. Activity will be limited to his spare time on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign direct.

CT8, AZORES

Operators Chris/KL9A and Dan/N6MJ will be active as CT8/- homecall from the Island of São Miguel between July 8-14th. QSL via their home callsign. Both operators will be part of the CU2ARA team from the Associação de Radioamadores dos Açores club station during the IARU HF World Championship (July 11-12th). QSL via the Bureau.

CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND (Update)

The St. Paul Island DXpedition scheduled for July 2016 has added a new member/operator to the team -- John, N8AA. The team now consists of Murray/WA4DAN (Co-Leader), Randy/N0TG (Co-Leader), Aaron/VA1AXC, Will/AA4NC, Jay/K4ZLE, Wayne/K8LEE and John/N8AA. The CY9 Web page

http://www.cy9dxpedition.com

also report: Permits to access St. Paul Island are granted only during July and August (2016).

Exact dates yet to be determined. Operation is planned for 6-160m CW, SSB. Perhaps some RTTY. Although a challenge given the time of the year, 160m will be attempted.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: E-mail N0TG (address okay on **QRZ.com**). The Web page now has a "Need Survey" page at:

http://www.cy9dxpedition.com/need-survey.html

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Update)

Milan, OK1DWC, is now active as E51DWC from the **Rarotonga Islands (OC-013**, WAZ - 32) since June 11th for the next few weeks to celebrate his birthday. His activity will be holiday style (family holiday) on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12 meter bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. His equipment includes a TS-590S, small amp (which he was expected to receive this past week), a 5 band Spider- beam at 10 meters, Invereted Vee and dipoles for 160, 80, 40 and 30 meters at a height of 20 meters. Milan really did not state how long he will be there, but mentioned, "I plan to return once I will miss skating and skiing." QSL via his home callsign. For updates, watch:

http://www.qrz.com/lookup/ok1dwc

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Andy, E51AND, will be active with the special callsign E50A from **Rarotonga Island (OC-013)** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Unassisted/12-Hrs entry. During 2015, Andy has operated with the callsign E50A to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Self Governance in the Cook Islands. Only the 7 RESIDENT hams may use the E50x format, visitors and expeditions use the E51xxx format. QSL via direct only to E50A/E51AND.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Update)

Jacek, SP5EAQ, will be active as E51EAQ from **Rarotonga (OC-013**, WLOTA 0971) starting October 19th for two weeks. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB. He will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). QSL via SP7DQR, by the Bureau, direct or an OQRS on the following Web page. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. For more details and updates, see:

http://e5.sp5drh.com/index.html

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Update)

Haru, JA1XGI, informs OPDX that he will be active as E51XGI from **Rarotonga Islands (OC-013**, WAZ - 32) between December 3-10th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Equipment is a ICOM IC7000 into a Trap Vertical (7/10/14/21/28 MHz) only 6.8m long and a VDA(Vertical Dipole Array) (18/24Mhz). QSL via JA1XGI, direct, by the Bureau (about a year wait!) or the OQRS (ClubLog). For more details and updates, watch his Web page at:

http://island.geocities.jp/southcookholiday

FS, ST. MARTIN

Greg, W6IZT, will be active as FS/W6IZT from St. Martin between now and July 11th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using CW and some SSB/RTTY. QSL via N7XG. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW on his return home.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Alfredo, HC1HC, will once again be operating from the **Galapagos Islands (SA-004)**, but as HC1HC/HC8/QRP between July 6-8th. Activity will be on 30/17/6 meters using QRP CW 5 watts with a Elecraft KX3 into a Buddipole. Suggested frequencies are: 14003, 18073 and 50110.6 kHz. QSL via NE8Z direct only (QSLs are already printed). NO LoTW. This activity counts towards the "HC8/HD8 DX Diploma" and the "The Republic of Ecuador HC/HD DX Award". View the colorful awards at:

http://webpages.charter.net/ne8z/NE8Z/Galapagos%20Diploma.html
http://webpages.charter.net/ne8z/NE8Z/Ecuador%20Diploma.html

IOTA NEWS

AS-066. Vladimir, UA0LCZ, will be active as RI0NZ from **Popov Island** between July 18-29th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW. He also plans to participate in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

EU-025. Joe, IT9RZU, will be active from **Sicily Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ CW-Mode/Low-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or LoTW.

EU-049. Richard, PA2RIC, will be active from the **Lesvos Island** (GIOTA NAS-014, MIA MG-064, WLOTA 0165) between July 10-28th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands running a QRP station. QSL via PA2RIC, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-087. Adde, SM0SHG, will be active as SB3X from **Klosan Island** between now and July 31st. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. Equipment used will be an Elecraft KX3, Expert 1K-FA (running about 4-500w) and vertical from Lannabo Radio (5-band). Adde states, "If you want a QSL from EU-087, please use Clublog's Online QSL Request Service. Direct QSLs are 2.00 USDs and will be sent as soon as possible. QSLs via the Bureau are free and will be sent out when time permits.

EU-136. Operators Brani/OM2FY and Radovan/OM2ZZ will be active as 9A/OM2FY from **Rab Island**, Croatia, during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Multi-Op/Island-DXpedition/Low-Power entry. QSL via OM2FY, direct, by the Bureau or PayPal (see **QRZ.com**).

EU-172. Immo, DL8MF, will once again be active as OZ/DL8MF from **Samso Island** (DIA JY-008, WLOTA 0726) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op/QRP/24-Hrs entry. He will be on the between July 23-26th. QSL via DL8MF, direct or by the Bureau.

OC-019. Eric, WH6EEY, is now active from the rare **Kaho`olawe Island** in the Hawaiian Island group until July 31st. Activity will be limited to his free time because Eric is there with a group to clean-up UXO (Unexploded Ordinance) as a Technician and Blaster. He uses a KX3 and AlexLoop and operates mostly on 20m and 15m using PSK-31 and JT-65. QSL via his home callsign, direct or LoTW.

NA-029. Operator Ken, K6LA, will once again operate from **Prince Edward Island** in eastern Canada using the VY2TT superstation (Grid Square FN76vs, CISA PE-001) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Mixed-Mode/High-Power entry. QSL via

K6LA direct.

OC-237. More than 10 operators will activate the special callsign YE3IOTA on the air from **Sempu Island** between July 24-26th. This will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). They plan to have 3 stations on the air using mainly SSB and some CW. Please kindly be patient with the operators as they are beginners for an IOTA-pedition, DX-QSOs and Contesting. QSL via the Bureau, direct or via YB3MM. Also, ClubLog's OQRS.

SA-042. (Update) Members of the PARA DX Group **paradxgroup.com** will be active as PX8K from **Caviana de Fora Island** (DIB PA-16) between July 22-29th. Activity will include the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th). Operators mentioned are Ronaldo/ PS8RV and Ren/PY8WW. QSL via PY8WW or the OQRS. For more details, check **QRZ.com**.

INDEXA PRESS RELEASE

Dick Williams, W3OA, Secretary-Treasurer of the International DX Association (INDEXA) reported on June 29th:

> TO: All DXers worldwide.
> The INDEXA Officers and Board of Directors are pleased to announce their intent to encourage DXpeditions to provide humanitarian aid and services benefiting individuals and communities they visit on DXpedi- tions. Additional funding is available when a DXpedition submits a plan to provide humanitarian aid, the plan is approved by INDEXA, and the plan is successfully completed and documented. This incentive can be as much as an additional 15% added to the financial support offered the DXpedition.
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> Quoting from the INDEXA website **www.indexa.org** and the page entitled Humanitarian Aid:
> INDEXA believes that many of the DXpeditions we support have a unique opportunity to perform humanitarian activities which will improve the lives of those indigenous people and communities they encounter on a DXpedition. Humanitarian activities come in a variety of forms including education, medical and dental assistance, infrastructure improvements, and physical donations of goods and other services. Obviously, there are many additional ways a DXpedition team or individual team members can positively impact the lives of the people of the community or country the DXpedition team is visiting. INDEXA is prepared to offer additional financial support to DXpeditions as an incentive to conduct humanitarian activities and to offset some or all of the additional costs that may be involved.
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> The process to follow is clearly outlined on the INDEXA website.
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> INDEXA is proud to be an important factor in the funding of DXpeditions. Our motto is and has been for over 30 years "Helping Make DX Happen". We feel that INDEXA's approval as a 501(c)(3) organization and the consequent likelihood that donations by U.S. taxpayers are tax deductible means we are well positioned to have a larger impact on the DX community. This announcement of the Humanitarian Aid initiative is an example of our commitment.

JD1, OGASAWARA

Yoshihisa, JO1LVZ, will once again be active from **Chichijima Island (AS-031)**, but as JO1LVZ/JD1 between August 6-9th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Zorro, JH1AJT will be active as KH0/KH8Z between July 6-10th during his business trip to **Saipan Island (OC-086**, USI NI-002S, WLOTA 1333). Activity will be mainly on 10, 15 and 20 meters using SSB, and holiday style operation. QSL via JH1AJT.

OY, FAROE ISLANDS

Operators YL Lori/KB2HZI, Pat/N2IEN, Ray/W2RE, Rockwell/ WW1X and Lee/WW2DX will be active as OY/homecall from **Faroe Islands (EU-018)** between July 8-15th. Activity will be on the HF Bands. QSL via NR6M.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (June 29th-July 4th)

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Jul/06th HN      Jul/09th  AN      Jul/11th  HN
Jul/07th HN      Jul/10th  AN      Jul/12th  HN
Jul/08th AN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed  Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE

http://www.bandconditions.com

The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software pre- dictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

PV70, BRAZIL (Special Event)

Rony, PS7AB, will activate special event station PV70FEB between July 1-30th. Activity is to celebrate the 70th anniversary of World War II and to remember the importance of PEACE. The special callsign is also in honor to all who participated in the war, especially the Brazilian Expeditionary Force - FEB, on the battlefields in Italy. Operations will be on 40/20/17/15/10 meters using SSB and CW/ Digital. QSL via PS7AB, direct (2 USDs), by the Bureau, eQSL or LoTW.

A special certificate will be sent in 2016 via E-mail to stations who made contacts with at least 10 Special Event Stations by mode (SSB, CW or Digital), or mixed (3 modes). Each month in 2015, Ronaldo will activate a different callsign and also send 12 different QSLs. PV70FEB is the seventh special event station to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II in 2015. For more details, visit the following Web pages at:

http://www.radioamador.org.br/certificate_70th_world_war.htm
http://qrz.com/db/pv70feb

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (July 5th)
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4W/JI1AVY via JI1AVY (L)  K2D via N1DN           PA50DRAA via PE2AE
5Z/IK2YDJ via IK2YDJ      K2E via NY3C           R2015C via R7NK
5Z/SV0GV via LX1QF        K2F via KB3IFH         R2015EP via R8LAH
9A/DL2AMT via DL2AMT      K2I via KA2FIR         R2015KI via UA3RA
CR5CMD via CT-Bureau      K2J via N4YZ           R2015LY via RT9L
DL/EA8BFH via EA8BFH      K2K via AB1OC          R2015SM via RQ7L
DL/G1INK/P via G1INK      K2L via KG4RUL         R2015TA via RX4HJ
DP7BVBG via DF7AA         K2M via K3MJW          SM/5P0O/P via OZ1GDI
EA6UN via EC6TK (*)       KH2/JH1DLD via JH1DLD  SO7O via SP9OHP
EA8/IX1CKF via IX1CKF     LX/DJ1AA/M via DJ1AA   SV5/DL8NCG via DL8NCG
GB13COL via G0VLF         LZ429PS via LZ1KCP     SV5/SV2BBC via SV2BBC (d/L)
HF3PAPCIO via SP3SBY     OH0/DL1SVA/P via DL1SVA TA0/RM0F via RM0F
HG3M via HA3MY            OH0CO via SM6CCO (d)   TK15FF via F5SSN
HQ4W via KD4POJ           OH8/IK3GES via IK3GES  V47JA via W5JON (d/L)
JW/DK2AJ via DK2AJ        OZ/DL1EKO/P via DL1EKO V63GG via JR2GAG
JW/DL2GLA via DL2GLA      PA2015BEACH via PI4HAL YT90NS via YU7BPQ
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (*-B) DX's- Bureau
  (O) OQRS only  (C) ClubLog only  (L) LoTW only
  (*) direct only & SP4AOQ Bureau
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QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 9N7FD, C21EU, CM2IR, JA1NVF, UN7AM, V63MJ, VP9/WA4PGM, **YB8RW/P (OC-076), YB8RW/P (OC-213), YB8RW/P (OC-222), YB8RW/P (OC-246), YB8RW/P (OC-271), YB8RW/P (OC-272), YB8RW/P (OC-273) and YB8RW/P (OC-274)**

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 9N7WE, PW0F, TI9/3Z9D and VR2XMT

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4L1FP, 5H3CJ, 7S400K, 7S6A, 8S0DX, 8S500BQ, J79XBI, LZ05WFF, LZ230MB, LZ1164SIM, LZ137LO, LZ2013IPA, P29VCX, SB0A, SE2T, SE5E and TA0/LZ3ND

S7, SEYCHELLES (Update/Change)

Giovanni "John", IZ2DPX, will be active as S79DPX from the **Seychelles (AF-024)** between August 9-23rd. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB only. Equipment is a IC-706 into a vertical multi-band antenna. QSL via his home callsign. For more details and update, see:

http://iz2dpx.jimdo.com

S7, SEYCHELLES

A group of Polish operators (Polish DXpedition) will be active as S79SP from **Mahe Island (AF-024)**between October 3-18th. Operators mentioned are Wlodek/SP6EQZ, Jan/SP2EBP, YL Gala/SP2GKS, Jan/SP3CYY, Ryszard/SP6FXY, Kris/SP6JIU and Roman/SP9FOW. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via SP6FXY, ClubLog's OQRS, eQSL or LoTW. For more details and updates, watch (still under construction):

http://www.s79sp.dxing.pl

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI ISLANDS

Reports from the Friedrichshafen HAM Radio event in Germany indicate a team of experienced DXpeditioners are in a preliminary planning stages to put T31 on the air. Currently, T31 is ranked 30th on The DX Magazine's 2014 Most Wanted Survey. Activity may take place in late 2016 or early 2017. This all depends on the licensing and landing permit formalities. One sources reports, "A boat is reserved for this project and the core team named." This will be an expensive DXpedition project because of Central Kiribati location, and they will be looking for the international DX community to help offset the cost. Look for more details later in the year.

VK9C, COCOS-KEELING ISLAND

Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will be active as JA0JHQ/VK9C from "The Bird's Nest" on West Island, **Cocos Keeling Islands (OC003)** between September 19-25th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW and SSB. Suggested operating times (local time): Mornings will be 30/12/10 meters, Noon 6 meters, Afternoons 17 and 15 meters, Evenings 30/40/80 meters and Midnights 20 meters. Equipment is a HS-480HX (HF 200w/6m 100w) into a Single-Loop (20/17/15/12/10m) and End-Feed (80/40/6m) antennas. QSL via the Bureau (recommended) or direct to:
Nobuaki Hosokawa, 1458-25 Okagami, Asao-ku, Kawasaki, Kanagawa 215-0027, JAPAN.
Also via LoTW. For more details and updates, watch his Web page at:

http://pandasan.jimdo.com

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